



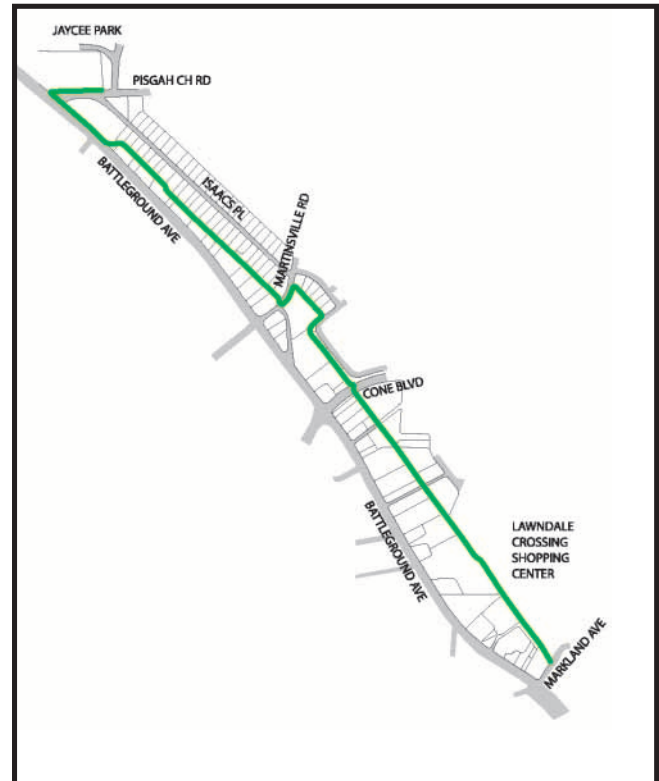
Battleground Rail Trail

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Preliminary Trail Design!

A handful of alternatives were analyzed, presented and discussed at a series of meetings with potentially impacted property owners and the general public. The preferred alignment for the Battleground Rail Trail was selected and the design work began. The preliminary design alignment follows the historic railroad corridor, beginning at Pisgah Church Road (where the Lake Brandt Greenway currently terminates) and ending near the Lawndale Crossing Shopping Center at Markland Drive. A few of the deciding factors for the preliminary design include:

- A dedicated trail corridor will provide the highest degree of safety, convenience, and access and will enable the trail to effectively serve as a pedestrian and bicycle throughway.
- Primarily following the former railroad right-of-way builds upon the historical significance of the corridor.
- Feedback from affected property owners and the public largely favored the selected preferred alignment.
- A fenced and landscaped trail will provide an improved buffer and reduce the impact of Battleground Avenue noise and light on adjacent neighborhoods.



The map above shows the preferred location for the Battleground Rail Trail. It starts at the Lake Brandt Greenway at Pisgah Church Road and ends at Markland Avenue.

Summary of Previous Meetings

A series of meetings were held in 2002 at the Lawndale Baptist Church to discuss the Battleground Rail Trail project. The first set of meetings was held May 20th and 21st to discuss the project with residential property and business owners along the corridor. Another meeting was held at Lawndale Baptist Church on June 25th to discuss the preferred trail alignment with the general public.

The most recent meeting was well attended and participants spoke favorably of the preferred alignment and the construction of a high quality alternative transportation facility paralleling Battleground Avenue. Print media ran announcements prior to the meeting and television media was on-hand.

Recent Activities

Now that an alignment has been selected for the Battleground Rail Trail, a draft design will soon be available for public review. The selected trail alignment was flagged and surveyed during the late Fall 2002 and early Winter 2003. The survey provided the necessary property and utility locations, topography and other information needed to prepare a design for construction.

The trail has been designed so that it is a safe, convenient, and attractive facility for its users. A major consideration and key design goal was to minimize impacts to properties and native vegetation along the trail. The trail will meander somewhat along the historic rail line to lessen impacts to both commercial and residential uses along the trail.

Meeting Announcement

A public workshop will be held from **7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on June 26, 2003** at the **Lawndale Baptist Church Fellowship Hall**, located at **3505 Lawndale Drive**. The purpose of this workshop is to present the preliminary trail design, describe the next steps in the project's development, and to provide an opportunity for input from adjacent residents and businesses, and the community at large. City of Greensboro staff and consultant team members will be available to answer questions and collect comments.

Anticipation is building among future Battleground Rail Trail users!

Upon completion of the trail construction plan this summer, the plan will be submitted to NCDOT for review. Then members of the Greensboro Property Management staff will begin negotiating with property owners for the necessary easements and right-of-way acquisitions. City Council will be presented with a contract and a selected construction contractor for approval in early 2005. Construction is expected to begin Spring 2005 with completion late 2005. Funding sources for the Battleground Rail Trail consist of City Bond revenues and Federal Transportation Enhancement funds.

Need More Information?

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The public was invited to view maps, and drawings of the proposed Battleground Rail Trail at the June 25th 2002 meeting.



The Battleground Rail Trail can help define residential and commercial land uses.



The existing corridor with an example of what the trail might look like after it is built.

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